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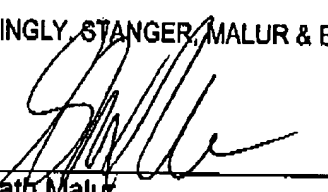
**REMARKS**

Pursuant to a telephone conversation with the Examiner, the previously pending claims 8-14 have been canceled in favor of new claims 15-21. These new claims are identical to the previously pending claims, as amended. According to the Examiner, the application is in condition for allowance, but the use of the symbol " $\leq$ " may create some confusion as to whether that symbol includes underlining as would be used for matter being added to the claims. In order to avoid any potential problems in printing of the patent, the claims have been rewritten as new claims and should appear as written in the patent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-1417 for any fees that are deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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